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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 0768

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ETRN, XG

SUBJ: PASSENGER SHIPPING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN; SECURITY  
THREAT TO AMERICAN TOURISTS

REF: STATE 072849

1. EMBOFF CONFERRED WITH APPROPRIATE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS REGARDING POTENTIAL TERRORISM ACTIONS AGAINST PASSENGER SHIPPING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. CUSTOMS OFFICIAL, AS IN PAST, ACKNOWLEDGED RECOGNITION OF THIS PROBLEM, AT THE SAME TIME ADMITTING THAT THERE WAS NOT MUCH THAT LIMITED CUSTOMS STAFF COULD ACCOMPLISH TO CONTROL FLOW OF TOURISTS ON AND OFF VISITING CRUISE SHIPS. THERE IS PRACTICALLY NO CONTROL OVER THESE TOURISTS, AND CUSTOMS OFFICER STATED THE SITUATION WAS NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. (NO NEW CUSTOMS OR POLICE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED SINCE 1971.)

2. WHILE ABOVE RESPONSE NOT PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING  
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REGARDING POTENTIAL THREAT, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IF

SPECIFIC REPEAT SPECIFIC INFORMATION OF A THREAT TO  
SHIPPING WERE RECEIVED, GOM AUTHORITIES WOULD DO ALL IN  
THEIR POWER TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION OR TAKE  
APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE MEASURES.GETZ

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